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1. Dertinger and his wife are scheduled to leave for the USSR for one month's vacation on 15 July 1950. The decision to spend this vacation in the USSR was made only at the last moment, allegedly in deference to the expressed wish of Semyonov. Before leaving Berlin, Dertinger commented privately on the rumors currently reported in the west-Berlin press (Cf. Neue Zeitung, 13 July 50, page 2) according to which Dertinger would be replaced by a Communist in the post of DDR Foreign Minister. The gist of Dertinger's comments was that he will definitely not be ousted at least in the near future, even though the SED would prefer to see Ackermann raised to the post, since the Russians insist that Dertinger remain for the time being. Dertinger has, however, indicated that he would return to journalism if ousted as foreign minister. Dertinger is said to have concluded the above conversation with the remark that he had made his way through the Third Reich by sleight-of-hand, and that he was confident of being able to do the same through the present Communist period.*
2. Dertinger remarked in a private conversation on 1 July 1950 that despite public propaganda to the contrary, it would be impossible for the DDR to deration food in the fall of 1950. Ganter-Gilmanns, State-Secretary for Supply, confirmed this statement.**
3. Fischer's successor as chief of the Volkspolizei is scheduled to be Waldemar Schmidt, now Chief of the east Berlin police.
4. Marcel Moiroud, 19 rue Saint Georges, Paris 9, has been invited by Dertinger to attend the CDU Party Congress in Berlin, September 14-17 1950. Moiroud has also been invited to suggest names of other progressive Christians who might be invited to come to Berlin to "join the peace front." The invitation was mailed to Moiroud on 14 July 1950.
5. Ambassador Kops has reported from Budapest that the successor to Kadar as Hungarian Minister of the Interior is Alexander Zolt. Kadar, he adds, was Minister of the Interior for only one year and has been returned to party work as assistant secretary-general of the Hungarian Workers' Party because the Party has proved inefficient so far in its

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attempts to counteract the slow-down sabotage movement in the factories which is allegedly sponsored by social-democratic opposition groups. Kadar was given the Gold Cross of Merit for his year's work in the Ministry of the Interior.

6. Signs that the SED proposes to make of itself a party of the elite are apparent in the DDR Foreign Ministry. Recently the SED issued instructions that its members in the DDR government are not to become friends with the employees who are non-SED; they are to avoid entering into close relationships with them and are not to see them after office hours. Ackermann, in informing Dertinger of this, said that he would have to ask special permission of the party before he could ride in the same vehicle with him. A secretary (SED) in the Foreign Ministry was recently reprimanded for having asked to be loaned an article of clothing from a non-SED fellow secretary. An extension of this program is the campaign to abolish all signs of bourgeois culture from party life. Grotewohl was allegedly reprimanded recently by the party because his wife met him on his return from Goerlitz, where he had attended the signing of the German-Polish Treaty, and had presented him with a bouquet of flowers.
7. Ambassador Pushkin accepts ten letters per month from the DDR Foreign Ministry from among the thousands which the latter has received containing inquiries about the whereabouts of German POW's in Soviet hands. So far, no replies have been received from Pushkin. These letters constitute the largest single administrative headache of the Foreign Ministry.
8. (Fnu) Wenning, SED, of the Protocol Section of the DDR Foreign Ministry, is considered to be one of the most fanatic party members in the Ministry. He was formerly a member of the NSDAF. He is generally feared because of his readiness to denounce "enemies of the party" at the slightest provocation. Ferdinand Thun, chief of the Protocol Section, is especially friendly with Wenning.

25X1A ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment: This candor, even for Dertinger, points up the utter lack of scruples and the overriding opportunism-Postenjaegerei - of the man.)

25X1A ** ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment: Fruit and vegetables are now available on the open market in the DDR, at somewhat higher prices. Bread, however, is still rationed at approximately 400 grams per day and constitutes an important item in the DDR diet in view of the scarcity of meats and fats. The inability of the DDR to de-ration bread, for example, is a serious morale handicap.)

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